

## ABSTRACT

1        A method and system are described for illuminating a document, such as passports,  
2   identity documents or other types of documents, using illumination means under control of a  
3   processor to effectively control the angle and direction of light on such documents to expose  
4   optically variable devices such as holograms, intaglio printing and optically variable coating and  
5   inks contained in or on the documents and the material laminating the documents.

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